

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

INTRODUCED BY LAMBERT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING TERRY, MONTANA, AS THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE EVELYN CAMERON GALLERY AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY IT AS SUCH ON OFFICIAL STATE MAPS AND HIGHWAY SIGNS AND TO AMEND HIGHWAY SIGNS IN THE VICINITY OF TERRY TO REFLECT THE DESIGNATION."

WHEREAS, the photography and writing of Evelyn Cameron captured the spirit and history of early Montana in her more than 1,800 photographs and 35 volumes of diaries; and

WHEREAS, Cameron rejected an aristocratic lifestyle offered by her upbringing in favor of the work of ranching in early Prairie County; and

WHEREAS, from 1892 until her death in 1928, Cameron spent her life living, working, and photographing Eastern Montana while living in the Terry area; and

WHEREAS, Cameron's exceptional images of the rugged and austere Montana landscape and early lifestyle preserve a cherished history of frontier life on the prairie, garnering national attention; and

WHEREAS, the town of Terry, Montana, maintains the only permanent exhibit of Cameron's photographs and personal effects in the Evelyn Cameron Gallery.

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana that the town of Terry, Montana, be designated the "Official Home of the Evelyn Cameron Gallery".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Official home of Evelyn Cameron gallery -- Terry. (1) The town of Terry is designated the "official home of the Evelyn Cameron gallery".

(2) The department of commerce and the department of transportation shall identify the town of Terry as the official home of the Evelyn Cameron gallery on official state maps.

(3) The department of transportation shall erect and maintain signs designating the town of Terry as the official home of the Evelyn Cameron gallery along highways in the vicinity of Terry and shall accomplish the

1 signing changes in accordance with the department's normal sign maintenance and replacement schedule.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

4 integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, apply to [section 1].

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